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“The origin of Audiology is generally acknowledged to have evolved from the Military during WWII.”

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History of Military Audiology

Three Army Centers activated in Fall 1943

Navy Center established at Naval Hospital in Philadelphia, Spring 1944

Hx of Military Audiology

All programs were geared to aural rehabilitation resulting from trauma

Hx of Military Audiology

Prior to 1950

- Three Army Centers treated about 10,000
- The Navy treated about 4,000

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The National Defense Research Committee project to standardize procedures

- Diagnostic instruments
- Evaluation of hearing aids
- Speech audiometry

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- The Navy's first instruction, BUMED 6260.6, December 1955
- OPNAV instruction 6260.2, 1979
- OPNAV instruction 5100.23 series,1982

Hx of Military Audiology

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